# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

## REPORT ON RIVER GAGE STATION

REVISED, PRINTED DATES: 09/03/2009, 08/22/2010

LOCATION: GRAND ISLAND STREAM: PLATTE RIVER

BASIN: PLATTE 9 HSA: GID

## **REFERENCES:**

ANNUAL FLOOD SUMMARIES FOR OMAHA DISTRICT - CORPS OF ENGINEERS
GRAND ISLAND INDEPENDENT - NEWSPAPER
USGS FORM 9-197 - JUN 1982
USGS STATION DESCRIPTION - 1/20/2009
WATER RESOURCES DATA FOR NE - USGS

WS FORM E-19 - AUG 1980

## ABBREVIATIONS:

BM - bench mark DS - downstream		<pre>EPA - Environmental Protection Agency IBWC - International Boundary and Water Comm.</pre>
US - upstream	MSRC	- Mississippi River Commission
HW - high water		MORC - Missouri River Commission
LW - low water	NOAA	- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin.
RB - right bank		NOS - National Ocean Survey
LB - left bank	NWS	- National Weather Service
MGL - mean gulf level		TVA - Tennessee Valley Authority
MLW - mean low water		USACE - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
MSL - mean sea level		USBR - U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
MLT - mean low tide		USGS - U.S. Geological Survey
MT - mean tide	USWB	- U.S. Weather Bureau
WQ - water quality		NGVD - National Geodetic Vertical Datum
RM - reference mark		NAD - North American Datum
RP - reference point		

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION: GRIN1
NWS INDEX NUMBER: 25339009
USGS NUMBER: 06770500

# MAP OF GAGE LOCATION

LATITUDE: 40 52 28 LONGITUDE: 98 16 54 SOURCE: USGS

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# BENCHMARKS

ELEVATION OF GAGE ZERO: 1829.900 LEVELING AGENCY AND DATE: 6/27/2006 RATING AGENCY: USGS

VERTICAL DATUM: NGVD 1929 CHECKBAR: 18.880

BENCHMARK	DESCRIPTION	GAGE ZERO	DATUM
RM5	A STANDARD TABLET ON RIGHT END OF LEFT DOWNSTREAM WING WALL OF BRIDGE AND 17 FT UPSTREAM OF GAGE.	17.060	1846.960
RM6	RM6 IS A CHISELED X ON TOP OF SHOREWARD DOWNSTREAM CORNER OF SHOREWARD DOWNSTREAM LEG OF SHELTER PLATFORM.	13.714	1843.614
RM7	RM 7 IS A CHISELED SQUARE ON THE RIGHT END OF THE LEFT UPSTREAM BRIDGE WINGWALL.	17.028	1846.928

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#### GAGES

DCP TELEM

NESS ID: CE50F614 TYPE OF TELEMETRY: dedicated OWNER: USGS OWNER: USGS

REPORT TIME: 020500 PHONE NUMBER:

INTERVAL: 240 INTERVAL: PAYOR/COST OF LINE: Unk / \$

MAINTENANCE BEGAN GAGE TYPE OWNER **ENDED** GAGE LOCATION/REMARKS chain USGS USGS 05/25/1933 05/12/1947 CHAIN GAGE INSTALLED BY THE USGS ON UPSTREAM GUARDRAIL OF OLD HIGHWAY 34 BRIDGE LOCATED 68 FEET DOWNSTREAM. wireweight USGS USGS 05/12/1947 05/31/1969 WIRE WEIGHT GAGE REPLACED THE CHAIN GAGE ON UPSTREAM RAIL OF BRIDGE. 05/12/1969 10/20/1970 AN AUXILIARY WIRE WEIGHT GAGE WAS INSTALLED AT NORTH CHANNEL wireweight USGS USGS ON DOWNSTREAM SIDE OF BRIDGE ON OLD HIGHWAY 281, SOUTH OF TOWN TO SERVE AS TEMPORARY GAGE IF IT BECAME NECESSARY TO MOVE GAGE DURING NEW BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION. A NEW WIRE WEIGHT GAGE WAS INSTALLED ON DOWNSTREAM RAIL OF wireweight USGS USGS 10/20/1970 BRIDGE. ON 10/20/70, GAGE WAS MOVED FROM THE OLD BRIDGE TO THE DOWNSTREAM SIDE OF THE NEW BRIDGE, LOCATED 105 FT. UPSTREAM FROM OLD BRIDGE. 08/26/1980 03/25/1998 MANOMETER AND RECORDER INSTALLED 8/26/80 AND THE MANOMETER bubble USGS USGS WAS REMOVED 3/25/98. 08/26/1980 03/25/1998 RECORDER AND MANOMETER INSTALLED IN 5x5 FT. METAL SHELTER AT Unk USGS USGS PRESENT SITE. INSIDE GAGES ARE THE DCP AND A-35 AND ADR RECORDERS, WHICH ARE ALL DRIVEN BY A BUBBLER GAGE. USGS INSTALLED A DATA COLLECTION PLATFORM FOR THE CORPS OF USGS USGS 05/18/1982 crest 08/01/1982 bubble USGS COE ENGINEERS. A SUTRON 8210 DCP DRIVEN BY A SUTRON ACUBAR IN 5X5 METAL SHELTER.

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# HISTORY

PUBLICATION/LOCATION OF F	RECORDS	STARTING DATE	ENDING DATE			
WRD NE		05/25/1933				
TYPE OF GAGE	OWNER	STARTING DATE	ENDING DATE			
chain	USGS	05/25/1933	05/12/1947			
wireweight	USGS	05/12/1947	05/31/1969			
wireweight	USGS	05/12/1969	10/20/1970			
wireweight	USGS	10/20/1970				
bubble	USGS	08/26/1980	03/25/1998			
Unk .	USGS	08/26/1980	03/25/1998			
crest	USGS	05/18/1982				
bubble	USGS	08/01/1982				
ZERO ELEVATION		STARTING DATE				
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1829.900		05/25/1933				
1831.900 1829.900		08/20/1980 08/22/2002				
1029.900		00/22/2002				

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# CRESTS

FLOOD STAGE: 6.50 FLOOD FLOW: 12760 ACTION STAGE: 5.50 ACTION FLOW: 6380 BANKFULL STAGE: 6.00

DATE OF CREST	TIME LST	CREST (ft)	(CFS)	FROM HIGH WATERMARKS	OLD DATUM	ICE JAM	REMARKS
03/05/1934		6.27	7580				RAISED CREST STAGE 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE 2002.
06/06/1935		5.99					Maximum discharge since 1933.
03/06/1936		-0.99	15000				Traximum disentinge since issue
03/07/1937		5.92	5390				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE 2002.
03/02/1938		-0.99	10000				TOTAL DE TO BATON CHANGE 20021
03/19/1939		6.28	9720				RAISED CREST STAGE 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE 2002.
03/05/1940		-0.99	8000				10.2025 (1.201 01.102 2 1.1 502 10 5.11011 (1.11102 2002)
02/06/1941		-0.99	1860				
05/06/1942		6.96	15300				RAISED CREST STAGE 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE 2002.
07/05/1943		5.75	4930				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE 2002.
05/13/1944		5.84	5450				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE 2002.
06/11/1945		5.99	6420				RAISED CREST STAGE 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE 2002.
03/17/1946		5.64	4150				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
06/23/1947		7.66	20300				CREST HISTORY ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM
							CHANGE 9/02.
03/19/1948	UNDEF	7.47	15900				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
06/26/1949	UNDEF	6.89	14100				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
05/09/1950	UNDEF	5.60	4310				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
05/19/1951	UNDEF	6.13	7060				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
03/27/1952	UNDEF	6.35	7800				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
03/06/1953	UNDEF	5.38	2970				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
02/22/1954	UNDEF	5.40	3450				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
03/10/1955	UNDEF	6.02	4500				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
03/01/1956	UNDEF	6.22	1860				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
05/27/1957	UNDEF	6.08	5830				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
04/03/1958	UNDEF	5.61	4680				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
03/26/1959	UNDEF	5.44	4000				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
03/27/1960	UNDEF	6.16	0			Χ	Flow was affected by backwater from ice.
05/23/1961		5.97	5430				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
06/11/1962		6.07	7000				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
02/18/1963		-0.99	3400				
04/26/1964		5.47	3380				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
06/29/1965		6.84	12300				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
10/01/1965		5.58	4940				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
06/14/1967	UNDEF	7.52	18000				CREST HISTORY STAGE ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
06/25/1968	UNDEF	5.35	3800				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
03/20/1969	UNDEF	6.97	7400				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
06/28/1970	UNDEF	5.48	6910				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
06/14/1971	UNDEF	6.56	11800				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
05/06/1972		5.38	4750				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
06/01/1973	UNDEF	7.35	17800				CREST HISTORY ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM
							CHANGE 9/02.
04/14/1974		5.90	7770				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
06/23/1975	UNDEF	5.66	5740				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.

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DATE OF CREST	TIME LST	CREST (ft)	FLOW (CFS)	FROM HIGH WATERMARKS	OLD DATUM	ICE JAM	REMARKS
02/12/1976 05/24/1977 03/17/1978	UNDEF	5.30 5.45 7.45	4300 4550 11100			Х	RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002. RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002. CREST HISTORY ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
06/29/1979 06/04/1980		5.60 6.82	6010 13400				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002. CREST HISTORY STAGE ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
07/31/1981 05/25/1982 06/30/1983	UNDEF	5.08 4.94 7.97	3690 2650 23900				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002. RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002. CREST HISTORY ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
06/15/1984	UNDEF	7.17	16000				CREST HISTORY STAGE ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
02/26/1985	UNDEF	7.00	9000			X	CREST HISTORY STAGE ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
02/25/1986 04/01/1987		5.78 5.96	7460 7970				RAISED 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002. RAISED CREST STAGE 2 FT DUE TO DATUM CHANGE IN 2002.
02/25/1988	UNDEF	6.22	6080				CREST HISTORY STAGE ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
06/27/1989	UNDEF	5.98	6800				CREST HISTORY STAGE ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
05/05/1990	UNDEF	4.79	2890				CREST HISTORY STAGE ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
06/01/1991	UNDEF	5.53	5690				CREST HISTORY STAGE ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
03/08/1992	UNDEF	4.75	2770				CREST HISTORY STAGE ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
03/12/1993	UNDEF	6.75	13200				CREST HISTORY ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
03/06/1994	UNDEF	5.69	6690				CREST HISTORY STAGE ADJUSTED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
06/12/1995	UNDEF	7.42	16200				CREST HISTORY ADJUSTED 2 FT HIGHER TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
05/29/1996	UNDEF	5.32	6430				CREST HISTORY ADJUSTED 2 FT HIGHER TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
06/24/1997	UNDEF	6.17	9260		Χ		CREST HISTORY ADJUSTED 2 FT HIGHER TO ACOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
04/08/1998	UNDEF	5.94	7800				CREST HISTORY RAISED 2 FT TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
05/13/1999	UNDEF	6.62	12300				CREST HISTORY ADJUSTED 2 FT HIGHER TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
10/07/1999	UNDEF	4.84	4040				CREST HISTORY RAISED 2 FT HIGHER TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
03/04/2001	UNDEF	4.04				Χ	Maximum peak stage for the year due to backwater from ice.
05/07/2001	UNDEF	2.78	3390				Maximum peak flow and associated stage height for the year.
03/19/2002	UNDEF	6.26	2220				CREST HISTORY ADJUSTED 2 FT HIGHER TO ACCOUNT FOR DATUM CHANGE 9/02.
05/05/2003 02/29/2004		4.10 4.34	1580 1720				

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DATE OF CREST	TIME LST	CREST (ft)		FROM HIGH WATERMARKS	CAUSED BY ICE JAM	REMARKS
05/13/2005 12/26/2005 03/31/2006 02/23/2007 05/28/2008	UNDEF UNDEF UNDEF	5.87 4.40 4.07 5.84 7.01	8032 1410 7300 16311		 Х	TIME IN GMT. Backwater from ice.

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# LOW WATER RECORDS

DATE OF	STAGE	FLOW	REMARKS
LOW WATER	(ft)	(CFS)	
06/01/1933 08/10/1990 09/03/1991 09/23/1992 10/01/1992 09/01/1994 11/03/1994 02/05/1996 07/23/1997 08/24/1998 07/31/1999 09/19/2000 07/02/2001 08/05/2002 07/25/2003 10/01/2004 07/17/2006		3 38 5 112 277 229 353 780 310 423 746 373 321 0 0	NO FLOW AT TIMES MANY YEARS Minimum daily discharge for the year. Minimum daily discharge for the year. Lowest daily mean for the year.
01/13/2007		71	Lowest daily mean for the year.
09/27/2008		172	Lowest daily mean for the year.

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## CONDITIONS AFFECTING FLOW

MILES ABOVE MOUTH: 70.0 DRAINAGE AREA: 52940.0 POOL STAGE: 0.0

STREAM BED: COMPOSED MAINLY OF SAND AND SILT.

REACH: UPSTREAM TO ODESSA BRIDGE, DOWNSTREAM TO MOUTH OF WOOD

RIVER.

REGULATION: AFFECTED BY LAKE McCONAUGHY, AND RESERVOIRS IN WYOMING.
EFFECT:TOTALLY CONTROL FLOWS YEAR ROUND, ESPECIALLY DURING
HIGH MOUNTAIN SNOWMELT DURING MAY AND JUNE.

DIVERSION: DIVERTED BY EXTENSIVE IRRIGATION CANALS.

WINTER: CHANNEL SUBJECT TO FREEZING, ANCHOR ICE, AND ICE JAMS.

TOPOGRAPHY: CHANNEL IN VICINITY OF GAGE IS EXTREMELY WIDE AND SHALLOW.

BANKS IN THE AREA ARE LOW AND COVERED WITH TREES AND
VEGETATION, BUT ARE SELDOM SUBJECT TO OVERBANK FLOW. THE BED SHIFTS READILY AND USUALLY SCOURS AND FILLS WITH STAGE CHANGES.

**REMARKS:** 

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## DAMAGE

STAGE AREAS AFFECTED

6.50 AT FLOOD STAGE...OVERFLOWS BEGIN ONTO LOWLANDS.

7.00 SOME ISOLATED FARMSTEADS MAY THREATENED BY OVERFLOWS. NO URBAN AREAS...INCLUDING GRAND ISLAND...ARE AFFECTED BY THE FLOODING.

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# RIVER STAGE DATA

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		ii	7.35	06/01/1973
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GRAND ISLANDARE AFFECTED BY THE FLOODING.			6.75	03/12/1993
6.50 - AT FLOOD STAGEOVERFLOWS BEGIN ONTO LOWLANDS.			6.56	06/14/1971
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REACH: UPSTREAM TO ODESSA BRIDGE, DOWNSTREAM TO MOUTH OF WOOD RIVER. ELEVATION ZERO: 1829.90

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MAINTENANCE.

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